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SUBJ: TAW
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1. DEPT./OPIC APPRECIATE PROMPT AND COMPREHENSIVE ESTIMATE OF SITUATION (REFTEL). WHILE BOTH AGENCIES AWARE DEVELOPMENT FURTHER INFORMATION BY EMBASSY MAY BE DIFFICULT, WOULD APPRECIATE STATUS REPORT MARCH 1 EVEN IF NEGATIVE.

2. BELIEVE APPROACH OUTLINED PARA 8 REFTEL APPROPRIATE AT THIS STAGE.

3. OPIC HAS APPOINTMENT HERE WITH SIWO MARCH 1 TO EXPLORE SITUATION AND HOPEFULLY GAIN SOME FURTHER INSIGHT INTO GRZ RATIONALE FOR TERMINATION. WILL ADVISE EMBASSY OUTCOME OF MEETING.

4. OPIC PLANNING COMMUNICATE WITH TAW IN ORDER ATTEMPT ACHIEVE COMBINED JUDGEMENT OF BEST METHODS SEEK REVERSAL OF GRZ TERMINATION OF LEASE.

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5. WHILE EMBASSY ALREADY AWARE GENERALLY OF FOLLOWING,

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OPIC BELIEVES IT USEFUL REVIEW CHRONOLOGY OF RECENT GRZ ACTIONS REGARDING DELIVERY TIMING QUESTION. IN OCTOBER 22, 1973 LETTER TO TAW AND IN JANUARY 11, 1974 LETTER TO EXIM, GRZ AGREED THAT TRACTORS AND TRAILERS WOULD BE

ACCEPTED WHEN DELIVERED TO TAW. IN BOTH INSTANCES, SIWO, ACTING FOR GRZ IN HIS CAPACITY AS PERMSEC, MINISTRY POWER, TRANSPORT AND WORKS, SIGNED LETTERS. IN ADDITION, SIWO ACTING IN SAME CAPACITY DURING JANUARY 15 MEETING ASSURED OPIC'S GITELMAN THAT LEASE AGREEMENT CONTINUED TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AND THAT TRACTORS AND TRAILERS WOULD BE ACCEPTED UNDER THE LEASE AGREEMENT WHEN THEY WERE DELIVERED BY TAW. RELYING UPON THESE TWO LETTERS AND ORAL ASSURANCES TO GITELMAN, ON FEBRUARY 8, 1974 OPIC ADVANCED 2.4 MILLION DOLLARS AND TWO U.S. COMMERCIAL BANKS TOGETHER ADVANCED 1.7 MILLION DOLLARS FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH FINANCING FOR LEASE AGREEMENT. CASEY

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